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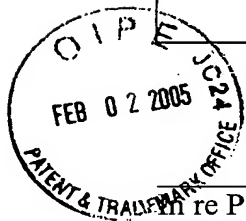
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 6, 2004. Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.